effect on the profitability of the Indian Airlines,

(e) if so, to what extent ; and

(f) the measures proposed to be taken to make up this loss?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). An Air Taxi Scheme is in operation since 1986 The scheme enables investment by Indian Companies/NRIs for operating service to airfields to which scheduled air services operate in the country

(d) Profitability depends upon a wide range of factors such as managerial efficiency, business environment, quality of the service rendered and import costs There need be no adverse impact on the profitability of Indian Airlines because of operation of domestic air services by others

(e) and (f) Do not arise

Allocation for Power Sector

*175 DR ASIM BALA Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the allocation of funds for the power sector in the Eighth Five Year Plan,

(b) the funds earmarked for the Eastern region in comparison to other regions for power growth, and

(c) the details of investment likely to be made by private sector in power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised However, in the first year of Eighth Plan the allocation for the power sector in the Central Budget is Rs. 5167 crores.

(c) In response to Government policy announced in September, 1991, proposals have been received from the private sector for installation of about 8162 MW capacity at an estimated cost of about Rs 20,000 crores

Strike by staff of Indian Airlines and Air India

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SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether a section of the Indian Airlines and Air India staff including the pilots resorted to an undeclared strike or go slow tactics during December, 1991,

(b) if so, the number and category of staff who took part in the strike,

(c) the details of their demands,

(d) the details of the flights that were either cancelled or delayed due to the strike,

(e) the total loss incurred by the Indian Airlines and Air India on this account,

(f) the details of the settlement arrived at , and

(g) the steps taken to avoid such strike in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (c) Seven Indian Airlines pilots, on temporary duty in Calcutta, reported sick there on 20th December, 1991 On 21st December 97 and on the 22nd December 69 line pilots reported sick. The mass absen-